

# Ecosystem Roundtable

## Informational Staff Report

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**Topic:** Contract Amendment Subcommittee of Roundtable Meeting

**Background:** On September 14, 1999, the contract amendment subcommittee of the Ecosystem Roundtable and the CALFED agency liaisons met in a public meeting to discuss four projects that had requested Level 1 amendments, two projects that had requested Level 2 amendments, and one project that had requested a Level 3 amendment. The details of the proposed project amendments are included in the attached memorandum to the Ecosystem Roundtable Project Amendment Subcommittee.

**Status:** The four Level 1 project amendments have been reviewed by the appropriate contracting agency staff, which, after consultation with CALFED staff, were found reasonable and they were approved. They are presented here for information.

One Level 2 and one Level 3 project amendments were reviewed by the Amendment Subcommittee. (One project, *Stone Lakes NWR Land Acquisition*, was withdrawn by the Fish and Wildlife Service.)

- The Level 2 project amendment for *Evaluation of Increasing Tagging Levels for Chinook Salmon and Steelhead and a Demonstration Project on Mass Marking* was deferred without prejudice to obtain additional review by California Department of Fish and Game, National Marine Fisheries Service, and Rod Fujita of the Environmental Defense Fund. It was felt that the additional time for review would not adversely affect the project.
- The Level 3 project amendment for *Tuolumne River Setback Levees and Channel Restoration -- 7\11 Segment* was recommend for approval by the Agency Liaisons, with the provision that the Policy Group explore the availability of CVPIA AFRP funds to support half of the increase. In the event the CVPIA funds are unavailable, then the Amendment Subcommittee recommends approval of the full amount. This project, by being a Level 3 amendment, will be presented to the Policy Team, who will need to make a recommendation to the Department of Interior.

Project and Proponent	Change Requested			Reason for Amendment	Subcommittee Action
	Budget	Scope	Time		
Evaluation of Increasing Tagging Levels for Chinook Salmon and Steelhead and a Demonstration Project on Mass Marking (98-B15) Northwest Marine Technology Inc.	\$38,100	Evaluate a wider spectrum of values for the model's parameters	None	To include fishing mortality rates, salmon ocean survival rates, hooking mortality rates, impacts in freshwater, etc.	Tabled pending additional information.
Tuolumne River Setback Levees and Channel Restoration (7\11 Segment) (97-M09 & 98-F06) Turlock Irrigation District	\$707,000	Minor configuration changes in response to regulatory requirements and use of sole-source, negotiated contract.	None	To accommodate requirements for environmental documentation and monitoring, conservation easements, regulatory design changes, and deletion of emergency dike repairs.	Recommended for Approval.

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